

SOCIAL SERVICES-SERVICES

Outcome: Increasing Family Permanence

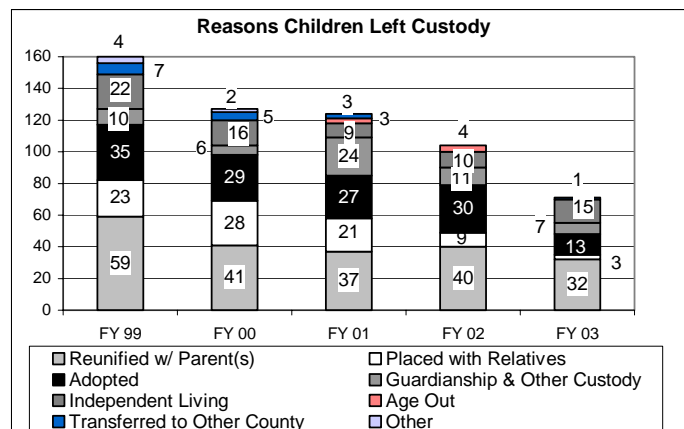
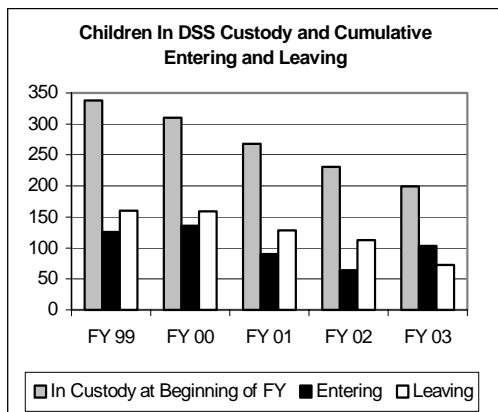
Increasing Family Permanence is achieved by a variety of programs working together in the agency. We are focusing specifically on Child Placement and Supportive Services (foster care and adoption), and In-Home Services for adults.

For children in DSS custody, our goal is to find a permanent home in less than one year. In January 2002, we had 151 children in custody for less than 1 year; in March 2003, we had **114 children** in custody for less than one year. The number of days children remain in our custody is lower than other Level 3 counties and fewer of Durham's children remain in custody after 12 months than in other large urban counties.

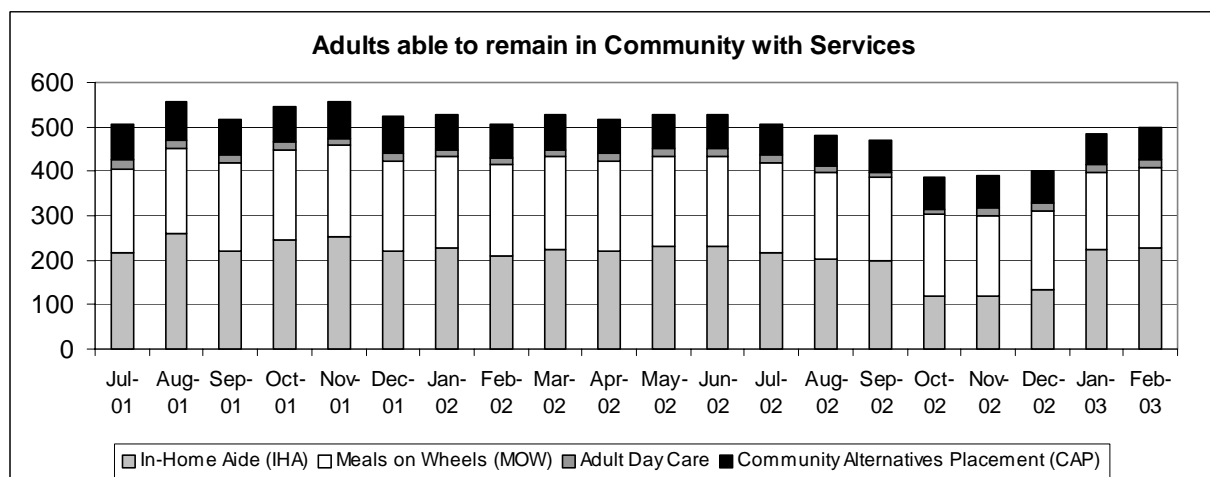
<u>CPS Investigations</u>	<u>FY03 (YTD)</u>	<u>FY02</u>
Reports Received	2,132	2,121
Substantiated	484	513
Entered Custody	103	51

As the number of children in custody decreases, the caseload profile changes. We have more children who are older with substance abuse and other issues that make them difficult to place. There is a growing need for a continuum of treatment resources, including substance abuse services for both parents and children. Substance abuse is prevalent in up to 80% of CPS cases. Courts are often giving DSS custody of adolescents in order to access mental health treatment or placement services. In addition, more children coming into care are over age 12 and are in large sibling groups, which are difficult to place together. Most foster homes are only licensed for 1-2 children.

Foster Care Budget for FY04 is proposed to be \$2,384,263 and the Adoption Budget is proposed at \$1,671,725.



Maintaining Stable In-Home Placements for Adults is a challenge. The Community Alternatives Placement (CAP) Program has a waiting list of 39 people. We provide In-Home Services to 528 people per month on average. We serve about 1,100 contacts per month for crisis services.



Outcome: Increasing Family Safety and Well Being

Increasing Family Safety and Well Being is achieved by a combination of services provided across the agency. We are focusing particularly on child protective services, adult protective services, adult care home monitoring, guardianship and trust accounts and Medicaid at-risk case management.

	Investigations	Per 1000 children	Rank	Substantiations	Per 1000 children	Rank
FY 00	2497	48.76	61	1117	21.81	18
FY 01	2946	55.71	50	1282	24.24	21
FY 02	2827	51.78	60	987	18.08	38

The #1 ranking is for the county with the highest incidence of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children. Our goal is to be #100. We have seen steady improvement over the past three fiscal years.

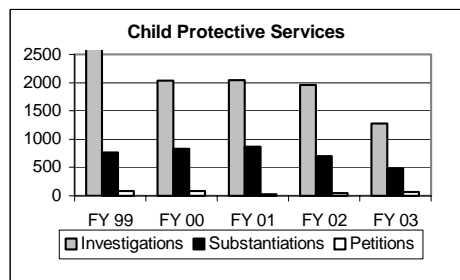
Probability of Placement

180 Days After Substantiation

Year	Durham	Urban Counties	State
1996	14%	11%	11%
1997	13%	10%	11%
1998	7%	11%	11%
1999	8%	11%	10%
2000	7%	10%	10%

This table shows the percentage of children who are placed in foster care in the first six months after abuse or neglect is substantiated.

The proposed CPS Budget for FY04 is \$977,906 for IVE CPS plus Medicaid At-Risk Case Management.



Adult Group Care Home Monitoring: of the 39 Adult group homes in the County, 36 are licensed and 3 have provisional or suspended licenses. We visit the 36 facilities monthly to monitor care of over 880 residents. Our Adult Care Home Monitoring Budget for FY04 is \$396,464. We manage finances for 500 Trust accounts for individuals who cannot manage their own finances. Disabled and older adults represent over 80% of the expenditures for Medicaid.

At this time with our current financial system it is difficult to pull out the exact budget figures because staff charge their time to a variety of funding sources, depending on which programs the clients that they work with are eligible. CPS and APS are both programs that do not provide direct cash assistance that is easily quantified the way the child-care subsidies, adoption and foster care payments are. Instead, our costs are exclusively to pay staff for social work services and administrative support.

